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CONCORDIA COUNCIL ON STUDENT LIFE

Minutes of a Meeting held in Room AD-128, Loyola Campus at 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday
26 January 1982.

PRESENT: Dr. R. Breen, Chairman; Mr. D. Arfin; Ms. D. Britton; Mr. B. Counihan;
Dr. E. Enos; Ms. G. Hirsh; Mr. R. Javitch; Ms. A. Kerby; Mr. J.A.
Sproule; Rev. M. Terho; Mr. D. Boisvert, Recorder.

ABSENT: Mr. L. Burogano; Mr. F. Loverso; Mr. C. Senosier; Dr. R. Swedburg;
Dr. M. Taylor.

GUEST: Prof. R. Smith

Chairman's Remarks

82.1.1 Dr. Breen had no particular remarks to make.

Approval of the Agenda

82.1.2 Mr. Javitch MOVED and Mr. Counihan SECONDED that the agenda for Council's
present meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of 8 December 1981

82.1.3 Ms. Kerby MOVED and Mr. Sproule SECONDED that the minutes of the
meeting of 8 December 1981 be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising from the Minutes

82.1.4.0 A) "Commentaires de l'Université Concordia présentés dans le cadre
de l'atelier de travail sur la vie étudiante, tenu le 11 décembre
1981" (CCSL 82-1-D1).

This document was for the information of Council members. It was
presented at the atelier on "la vie étudiante" held in December.

82.1.4.1 B) WUSC Request re: Refugee Student (CCSL 81-11-D2, CCSL 81-12-D3 and
CCSL 82-1-D2).

Ms. Kerby presented an updated report on this matter. After
consultation with various officials in the University, it has been
discovered that there are eleven students applying for refugee
status, and who are in severe financial need.

82.1.4.2 It is recommended that:

- a) The University administration continue to lobby the Québec Government
against differential fees for refugee students.

- b) That Dr. Breen write to WUSC thanking them for bringing the student refugee question to our attention, and advising them of our intent to assist our own students currently applying for refugee status.
- c) That the University consider "holding" tuition charges for these students, between the period when they apply for refugee status and when they actually obtain it. Other exceptions could also be made in terms of regular University procedures.

82.1.4.3 It was further suggested that a special fund could be established for refugee students, perhaps to tie in with the "fonds de dépannage". The Students' Association could take the responsibility in this regard. Certain social service agencies in the City could be called upon to assist. Mr. Counihan suggested also that a special campaign could be undertaken, along the lines of that for the "boat people" a while back.

82.1.4.4 Dr. Breen noted the appropriateness of the above recommendations. Exceptions for these students can certainly be requested from the Ministry of Education, but concrete evidence is needed. Ms. Kerby will provide Dr. Breen with an updated listing of the students' names, and information on their cases.

82.1.4.5 C) Other Faculty Representatives on CCSL.

Mr. Counihan is contacting some professors from the Engineering Faculty to see if any would be available to serve. Names will be transmitted to Senate for appointment.

82.1.4.6 D) Annual Arts & Crafts Fair (item 81.12.7.5 from the previous minutes).

Mr. Sproule asked about the status of the \$33,000. collected this year. Mr. Counihan noted that these monies were used for a variety of purposes, but are placed into a trust account. They are not considered as revenue in the strict sense of the word.

Final Report of the Task Force on International/Cultural Associations (CCSL 82-1-D3).

82.1.5.0 Mr. Boisvert, as Chairman of the Task Force, outlined the contents of the report.

82.1.5.1 Mr. Arfin noted that the report had been discussed by the Legislative Council of CUSA. The Council approved recommendations 1 and 2, but rejected 3 and 4. A negotiating team has been struck. CUSA had serious doubts about the urgency of meeting the February 19th deadline, and whether it was possible to do so.

82.1.5.2 A lengthy discussion ensued. Dr. Breen underscored the importance of finalizing this matter as soon as possible, as it has been unresolved for years. We should not remove the deadline as it stands. It was agreed that the deadline would be maintained, but that it could always be postponed should there be need.

- 82.1.5.3 Mr. Javitch MOVED and Rev. Terho SECONDED that the final report of the Task Force on International/Cultural Associations be approved, and that should the February 19th deadline fail to be met, CCSL will recommend to the Vice-Rector a more appropriate deadline. MOTION CARRIED.
- 82.1.5.4 Dr. Breen commended the Task Force for its diligent work.
- Presentation by Prof. R. Smith, Director, Learning Development Office (CCSL 82-1-D4)
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- 82.1.6.0 Professor Smith presented a thorough report on the course evaluation process at the University, with special emphasis on its development over the years.
- 82.1.6.1 Three general purposes for course evaluation were noted:
- 1) as information to students, for assistance in the selection of their courses and professors; 2) as input into the contractual process; and 3) as a tool for teacher feedback, in the improvement of teaching.
- 82.1.6.2 At one point, several years back at Loyola, course evaluations were printed in booklet form by the Students' Association and distributed prior to registration. This did not seem to fulfill the purposes for which it was intended. A course selection guide, giving information on course outlines, etc., was printed instead. This format seemed helpful to all concerned. Presently, the Learning Development Office conducts course evaluations for those Departments which request it. In 1980/81, over 3,000 courses were evaluated in 31 Departments.
- 82.1.6.3 In response to a question from Mr. Arfin, Prof. Smith stated that the results of course evaluations in a particular Department could be made available to the Departmental Student Association, if the Department agrees.
- 82.1.6.4 On a related point, Ms. Hirsh suggested that the pre-registration schedule include the names of professors who will be teaching course sections. This was important for the student in making course choices. Everyone agreed this was desirable.
- 82.1.6.5 Dr. Breen thanked Prof. Smith for his elucidative presentation.
- Reports from Directors
- 82.1.7.0 Dr. Enos presented Council members with copies of written reports on athletic activities. He also noted that the swimming programme on the SGW Campus had been reactivated.
- 82.1.7.1 Mr. Sproule reported on ongoing activities in the Guidance Office, notably participation in Commerce Week and the upcoming Health Fair.

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82.1.7.2 Mr. Counihan mentioned the good results of this year's Christmas basket drive by Belmore House. He also deplored the lack of improvement in the January course change process.

82.1.7.3 Mr. Counihan MOVED and Ms. Hirsh SECONDED that CCSL express its serious concern over the fact that the January course change process had not improved over that of last Fall. MOTION CARRIED.

New Business

82.1.8.0 CCSL Reception/Dinner

Mr. Counihan MOVED and Mr. Arfin SECONDED a motion of appreciation to Dr. Breen for his very fine reception/dinner for CCSL members in St-Sauveur on January 22nd. MOTION CARRIED.

82.1.8.1 Athletics Financial Procedures

On a question from Mr. Arfin regarding the profits generated from activities by student groups in the Athletics Department, Dr. Enos reported that such profits are returned generally to the budget of the student group concerned. As a rule, groups using the University's name are subject to the University's accounting procedures.

82.1.9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, 16 February at 4 p.m.